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SUBJECT:AD HOC COMMITTEE ON EQUIPMENT INTEROPERABILITY,
WG/2 ON TACTICAL AIRCRAFT REARMING

REFS: A. USNATO 1785, DTG 291436Z MAR 77; B. AC/297-D/25,
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CONCUR WITH MISSION APPROACH IN PARA 2, REF A. FOLLOWING
COMMENTS ARE KEYED TO THE GERMAN VIEWS IN PARA 3, REF A.

(1) (A) WHAT EXISTING BODIES DOES FRG HAVE IN MIND FOR
SPECIFIC TASKS?

(B) WHAT ARE THE FUNDAMENTALLY APPROVED POSITIONS AND WHAT
FUNDING PROCEDURES WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF MRCA AND
ALPHAJET SHOULD BE CONSIDERED?

(C) IS WG/2 COMPETENT TO STRUCTURE FUNDING PROBLEM AND
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INDICATE SOLUTIONS FOR AHC AND HIGHER LEVELS TO CONSIDER?

(2) SOMEONE WILL HAVE TO REFINE COSTS. WHY NOT WG/2 WITH
TECHNICAL HELP AS NEEDED? IF NOT WG/2, WHO IS THE
CANDIDATE?

(3) F-4 CERTIFICATION IS APPRECIATED BUT MUST EXTEND

BEYOND F MODEL AIRCRAFT; OTHER CERTIFICATION ACTIONS
BEYOND F-4, MRCA, AND ALPHAJET MUST BE COMPLETED. CAN
WG/2 SERVE AS PRIME MOVER FOR SUCH ACTIONS?

(4)(A) DOES THIS REFER ONLY TO STANAGS ON DIGITAL COM-
PUTERIZED WEAPON RELEASE SYSTEMS AND ELECTRO-OPTICAL
GUIDED WEAPON INTERFACES?

(B) WHICH EXISTING BODIES DOES FRG HAVE IN MIND?

(5) WE FEEL THE FRG IS LOOKING AT ONLY A PART OF THE
QUESTION (I.E., CENTRAL EUROPE AND AIRCRAFT COMMON TO
US, UK AND FRG). THE PROBLEM SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN A
MUCH BROADER CONTEXT, GIVING CONSIDERATION TO ALL REGIONS
AND THEIR AIRCRAFT/WEAPONS.

(6) WHAT IS INTENT OF THIS POINT? AMPLIFICATION NEEDED.

(7) IS SUB-GROUP 9 THE APPROPRIATE GROUP TO IMPLEMENT
CORSS-SERVICING PROGRAM? IS IT BETTER EQUIPPED THAN
WG/2?

(8) WE ACCEPT THE IDEA OF VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION DUE
TO THE BIASES SOME NATIONS HAVE FOR AIRCRAFT ROCKET
PROGRAMS. HOWEVER, DOES FRG OBJECT TO A COST-SHARING
PROGRAM DEVELOPED UNDER NATO AUSPICES, FOR THOSE
NATIONS DESIRING TO PARTICIPATE?

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